

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659-920 K-C Ref. No. 17,595
Serial No. 10/032,701	Filing Date December 28, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 2185
Inventor(s) Richlen et al.			
Title of Invention Absorbent Garment Having A Weakened Region			

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith: Check for \$1398.00 for filing fee, surcharge and fee for 22 additional claims; Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Preliminary Amendment; Declaration; Power of Attorney; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 50 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

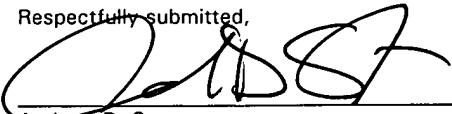
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
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Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =		x \$18 =	
x 42 =		x \$84 =	
+ \$140 =		+ \$280 =	
	Total add'l fee		Total add'l fee
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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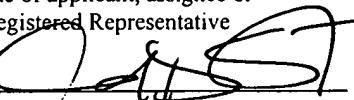
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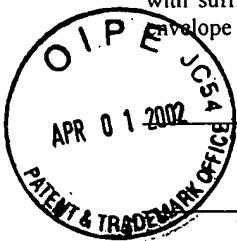
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richlen et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,701

Attention: Manager,
Application Branch

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: ABSORBENT
GARMENT HAVING A
WEAKENED REGION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated January 25, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant is:

a small entity, verified statement is:

attached

already filed

other than small entity

Checks totaling \$1398.00 for:

Filing Fee of \$740.00.

Surcharge of \$130.00.

Additional Claim Fees of \$528.00.

Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).

Preliminary Amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).

Form PTO 1449.

Copies of 50 cited references.

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Dated: March 25, 2002

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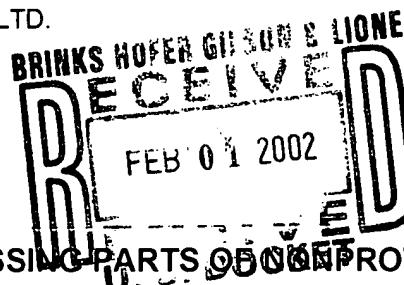
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10/032,701	10/28/2001	Sandy Richlen	659-920

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$528.
 - \$360 for 20 total claims over 20.
 - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1398.**

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


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